

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	:	Confirmation No.	:
First Named Inventor	:	Takashi NOMURA	
Filed	:	January 14, 2005	
TC/A.U.	:		
Examiner	:		
Docket No.	:	029267.55837US	
Customer No.	:	23911	
Title	:	Navigation Method, Processing Method to be Adopted in Navigation System, Map Data Processing Apparatus, Map Data Processing Program and Computer Program	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R § § 1.97 AND 1.98**

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.


Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 have already been provided by the International Searching Authority. Duplicate copies are attached hereto, along with English language abstracts of same. Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the International Search Report citing such documents indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed no later than three months from the application's filing date, and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

January 14, 2005


Jeffrey D. Sanok
Registration No. 32,169

CROWELL & MORING LLP
Intellectual Property Group
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844
JDS:kms

356074v1 (024)

PTO/SB/08a (08-03) 14 JAN 2005

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	029267.55837US
		Filing Date	January 14, 2005
		First Named Inventor	Takashi NOMURA
		Art Unit	
Sheet 1 of 1	Examiner Name		
	Attorney Docket Number	029267.55837US	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials'	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials'	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	AA	JP 2000-36097 A	02/02/2000	Aisin AW Co., Ltd.	Full text, all dwgs.	AB
	AB	JP 2002-48574 A	02/15/2002	Fujitsu Ten Ltd.	Full text, all dwgs	AB
	AC	JP 2001-229369 A	08/24/2001	Sumitomo Electric Industries		AB
	AD	JP 2002-188927 A	07/05/2002	Matsushita Electric		AB
	AE	JP 2002-107169 A	04/10/2002	Hitachi, Ltd.		AB

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.